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A WORD FROM THE BISHOP:

CHAPLAINCY POSITION

As many of you will recall from our time together in Assembly, a major concern I expressed to that gathering was the need for developing a ministry in our Synod which would deal with fears and unknowns related to the disease of AIDS and differing sexual orientation. It is estimated that up to thirty percent of the people in our congregations have been touched by these issues. A ministry of support, information and counseling would help parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends deal with the pain, denial, fear and judgment they often experience.

The immediate response to this proposal has been very gratifying. In the call for twenty-four people to join with me in giving or raising one thousand dollars to start the ministry, ten have stepped forward. Another five thousand dollars has been committed as a grant.

I again raise the question: Will you join me in giving or raising one thousand dollars for this ministry?

It is hoped that this ministry will begin in late fall. We are in the process of working on the details regarding the ministry, and how to make it known to individuals, pastors and congregations.

If you are as convinced as I am of this need to minister to people who are touched by these issues, I invite you to join me in this task of love and mercy.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Lowell E. Knutson

FIRST FEMALE BISHOP ELECTED

At their June Synod Assembly the LaCrosse Area Synod of the ELCA elected the Rev. **April Ulling Larson**, 42, as Bishop. Larson is currently assistant to the bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. She succeeds the Rev. Stefan T. Guttormsoon, who is retiring. Larson will be one of 65 ELCA synodical bishops, and only the second woman to be elected a Lutheran bishop anywhere in the world. The Rev. Maria Jepsen was elected bishop of Hamburg, Germany, in April.

At the direction of Synod Assembly Resolution SA92.17, a letter of congratulations and best wishes was sent to Pastor Larson from Bishop Knutson and the Northwest Washington Synod.

HOMELESS HOUSING PROJECTS BEGIN LATCH LAUNCHES IN BOTHELL

The **Lutheran Alliance for Transitional and Community Housing (LATCH)**, a consortium of 11 Lutheran congregations supported by Lutheran Social Services, is in the process of buying an 8-unit apartment building at 9818 NE 190 in Bothell, and an adjoining half-acre of land. "We're proposing 10 townhomes and underground parking," explains Katherine Roseth, Director of LATCH. "There will be open space with grass and a hard surface play court with picnic facilities between the buildings."

All 18 units will be rented to families with incomes from \$10,000 to \$23,000, with rents ranging from \$240 per month to \$550 per month. Roseth expects most renters will be single parents, although low-income elderly and disabled individuals also will qualify. The project will be managed by the residents, and will be patterned after a very



successful model, the Capitol Hill Housing Improvement Program in Seattle. The Bothell project is for permanent, not transitional, housing, so if a family's income grows beyond the guideline limits, that doesn't mean they will have to move out. The hope is that eventually they will become independent homeowners.

LATCH received funding from various private and public sources, including the Initiative Support Corporation, Aid Association for Lutherans, and a large grant from the state housing assistance. Roseth hopes that the Bothell project will be one of several similar housing projects in the region.

HOUSING HOPE PURCHASES PROPERTY

In February, 1989, a group of people gathered at Central Lutheran Church in Everett formed **Housing Hope**, with the goal of helping with the growing homelessness problem. In March Housing Hope purchased two houses at 3228 and 3230 Norton. An analysis of the zoning and buildings on the property resulted in a plan to convert the two houses into duplexes, build a new duplex, and retain a small house. There will be five 3-bedroom units, one 2-bedroom unit, and one 1-bedroom unit.

Homeless families with children who have no other housing alternative are provided with one to twelve months of transitional housing. Rent is set at 30% of adjusted income, so that family resources can be used to address other needs and to save for a permanent home. Families also qualify to enroll in the Housing Hope Employment Project, and can use the Tomorrow's Hope Daycare operated by Housing Hope. An emergency fund and food cupboard are also available.

Funding was secured from several sources: Central Lutheran Church, First Congregational Church, a City of Everett block grant, a bank loan, a Medina Foundation grant, a HUD Transitional Housing grant, and a grant from the Kennedy Foundation. The house at 3228 Norton had been occupied by the Kennedy family for over 40 years early in the century, and **Kennedy Court** was the name chosen for the new housing project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD ASSEMBLY SUMMARY

Enclosed with this issue of *Soundings* is a summary of the Synod Assembly. Congregations are encouraged to copy it in its entirety (both sides) for congregational newsletters.

As directed by Resolution SA92.14, **In Memoriam for Gudina Tumsa**, the following message was telexed to President Ato Francis Stephanos of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: *The congregations of our synod wish to express our sorrow and regret to the family of Mr. Gudina Tumsa and to the EECMY on the occasion of Mr. Tumsa's funeral on June 27, 1992. Our prayers are with you. Bishop Lowell Knutson, Northwest Washington Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

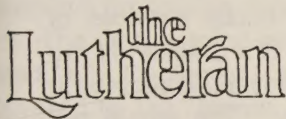
MISS OUR DEADLINE? SEND US A FAX!

If you missed our *Soundings* deadline (usually the fifth of each month), you can now send us a fax. We have a new fax/modem, which operates differently from a standard facsimile machine, but can receive any faxed message. Call (206) 783-9833, and FAX away!

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGION EVERY-HOME PLAN FOR THE LUTHERAN

The delegates to the Synod Assembly voted in Resolution SA92.15 to approve participation in the Region Every-Home Plan for THE LUTHERAN. In this plan the ELCA magazine will include a special area supplement in each of its monthly issues. Two will be in the form of **Reglonews**, and ten others will be the synodical supplement. A special, introductory issue of the **Reglonews** supplement will appear in the September issue.



The rate per household in participating congregations will be \$5.30 for the year, barely half the price for individual subscriptions (\$10.00). Administration of the new regional plan will be handled by THE LUTHERAN, and congregations are strongly encouraged to participate.

MISSIONARIES AVAILABLE FOR SPEAKING

Ray and Lois Austin, lay missionaries in Tanzania, will be in the Seattle area through December. They can be reached by writing to them at P O Box 2535, Seattle, WA 98111-2535.

Susheela (Sushle) Engelbrecht, a lay missionary in Senegal, is available to speak beginning in September. She can be reached by calling 324-2429.

WATCH FOR VOICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The July-August-September issue of VOICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE has just come out with a feature article about the Good Shepherd, Olympla, Catechumenate program. This ancient yet very contemporary model for preparing the unchurched for membership has been a joint project of study and training by the ELCA and the Episcopal Church since 1990. Pastor Robert D. Hofstad tells how it began and how it works at Good Shepherd.

This issue also introduces a new twist on the signature column, *Speaking Personally*. Each issue of the magazine will highlight an open-ended question frequently asked by congregations, together with responses from a revolving "panel of experts". In a pick'n'choose style, any or all of these will provide excellent fare for congregational newsletters. ELCA congregations are not only permitted, but are encouraged to reproduce anything in VOICES for their own use.

BISHOP'S CONVO OFFERING SENT

We have received a letter from the Rev. Leon Phillips of the ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, thanking our synod for the offering of \$226.74 from the May Bishop's Convocation. Our contribution was used immediately for ongoing relief efforts in the Los Angeles area, following the riots after the Rodney King verdict.

Please read the enclosed insert about the New City Parish, a group of Lutheran congregations working together to meet the challenges of ministering to their communities in Los Angeles.

CALL BEFORE YOU "DIG IN"!

If you are thinking about a specialized outreach or preaching point which could develop into a new congregation, the ELCA Division for Outreach reminds us to "call before you dig in" to new ministry. The Synod and the Division for Outreach are mandated to work together with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod on the siting of new ministries, including those that develop out of existing congregations, and on the relocation of existing congregations. This also includes guidance and counsel from Synod and Churchwide staff on how to make the most of the move or development. Resources may be available through loans, grants and technical assistance.



If you have questions or would like information, call Lud Siqueland, Division for Outreach staff at the Regional Office, 624-0093.

TAX ACCOUNTING SCAM VICTIMIZING CHURCHES

Church leaders be aware of a scam that is victimizing churches and clergy. A number of church leaders have reported that an individual claiming to be a national "authority" on church tax issues has informed them that he has "inside information" that the IRS is about to audit their churches and seek hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages. This information is completely false, and apparently is used solely to intimidate church leaders into purchasing the organization's high-priced and questionable services.

Government agencies have been asked to look into the organization's numerous fraudulent representations. If your church has been a victim of this or a similar scam, please send a letter summarizing your experience. Major news organizations are interested in doing a full investigative report, and any additional input would be helpful. Send your letter to "Scam Alert", Church Law & Tax Report, P.O. Box 1098, Matthews, NC 28106.

ONE MORE ANNOUNCEMENT

CAMPUS MINISTRY SEEKS STUDENT NAMES

Student names are now being requested by our ELCA campus ministry sites in Region 1. The gathering of names is being coordinated through our synodical Women of the ELCA. Classes begin for some schools as early as mid-August, and as late as the end of September. Names of students are welcome at any time.

Please send your names of college students to Judith Nicholson, President, Women of the ELCA, 15920 NE 15 St, Bellevue, WA 98008. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

VISIT CAMP LUTHERWOOD

The Lutheran Campus Associates and Lutherwood Board of Directors will host a **Walk and Talk Saturday** at Camp Lutherwood near Bellingham on **August 15** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Board members will be present to informally tour the camp and talk with people about the past, present and future of Lutherwood. It will be a chance for people with concerns and investment to visit, see and hear firsthand.



LOMA RUMMAGE SALE & OPEN HOUSE

The LOMA Center for Renewal will hold a **rummage sale and open house** at its retreat and conference center on the Pine Lake Plateau near Issaquah **August 22-23**. Furniture, kitchen, maintenance and other items will be sold, and the money raised to improve meeting areas at the center will be matched by AAL Branch 5033.

Questions? Call LOMA at 392-1871.

AN EVENT FOR YOUTH AT HOLDEN VILLAGE

An event for high school youth at Holden Village, **Let Justice Roll**, will be held **October 10-12** at a cost of \$90 per person. This special weekend is designed for youth who are interested in issues of hunger, peace, racism, justice, and the environment, with the goal of training youth advocates. It is co-sponsored by Region 1 Youth Ministry, Holden Village, and the PLU Center for Peace, Justice and the Environment.

Registration materials will be available in late August. Call 624-0093 and ask for David or Boots, if you need more information.

FALL RETREAT FOR CLERGY, AIMS AND SPOUSES

An invitation has been mailed to all active clergy, associates in ministry, and spouses or significant others to attend a **Clergy, Associates in Ministry and Spouses Fall Retreat** on **October 30-31** at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle. This retreat was developed at the request of our clergy spouses, but it is not necessary to have a spouse to attend.

We will be fortunate to have **DR. PETER STEINKE**, Director of Clergy Care, Lutheran Social Services of Texas, as our leader/facilitator. Dr. Steinke is an ordained Lutheran pastor who holds advanced degrees in theology, education and psychology. The retreat will center around the theme, **Family Emotional Processes**. We will explore how our family of origin, our nuclear family, and our work family influence our lives and relationships.

Host homes for those outside of the Seattle area and child care will be provided. There will be a nominal registration fee of \$10 per person. Please send in your reply card soon, and mark these dates on your calendar for a very enjoyable event. If you have questions, please call Shirley Knutson at 935-9205, or the Synod Office, 783-9292.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

CHURCH MUSIC CLINIC

Augsburg Fortress is sponsoring a church music clinic **August 10-11** at Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle. Admission is free, and no reservations are required. Church musicians Charles Callahan, Michael Kemp, and Timothy Strand will lead the presentations.

Questions? Call 1-800-426-0015 for information.



SELECT COURSE FOR ASSOCIATES IN MINISTRY

Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle will be holding classes on Wednesday afternoons on the **SELECT** courses, **Lutheran Heritage I and II**. These courses will fulfill one of the requirements for certification as an associate in ministry. Persons interested in the general topic are also invited. Please sign up by **September 1** by calling Jean at 783-2350.

MORE CONTINUING ED

PLANNING RETREAT LEADER TRAINING EVENT

Here's an opportunity for both clergy and lay persons to receive training on how to conduct congregational planning retreats. Several persons from our region have already been trained, and report that the training has high potential for serving congregations.

The next training event will be held **August 21-22** at the LOMA Center for Renewal in Issaquah. All costs are covered by the Region. Using the materials of Kennon Callahan, participants will learn specific steps to follow to lead congregational retreats. This training is not designed for conflict resolution.

Sound interesting? Please call Paul Bartling at the Synod Office, 783-9292, if you would like to attend the August training event.

CALLING/CARING SEMINAR

Harbour Pointe Lutheran Church is hosting a **Calling/Caring Training Seminar**. The 40-hour training will be divided over the two weekends of **September 25-27** and **October 2-4**. The seminar schedule for both weekends will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays and conclude at 9:00 p.m. on Sundays. The trainer will be Pastor Arden Barden.

Calling/Caring trains people for more effective listening and caring. It provides practical learning and skills which are applicable not only in visiting, but in other aspects of congregational life and ministry. Calling/Caring serves well the ministries of fellowship and hospitality by increasing awareness and enhancing communication among congregational members, as well as "welcoming the stranger".

The Introductory Workshop, **Drop-Ins and Drop-outs: Caring and Your Congregation**, will also be held at Harbour Pointe on Sunday, **September 13** from 2-5 p.m. Participants will learn why visitors might not return, and why members drop out of active involvement.

For more information, contact Carol Loges evenings at 742-3552 (Edmonds), or Arden Barden, 271-0934 (Renton).

FALL SPEAKER SERIES IN EVERETT

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Everett announces its sixth annual Fall Speakers Series on **October 18-20**. The featured speaker will be The Rev. Dr. **Mark Throntveit**, a lively and energetic teacher of Old Testament at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary. His theme will be **Psalms: Songs in the Center of Life—Glad Songs, Sad Songs and Mad Songs**. A donation of \$3/person is suggested.

This year's **Brunch/Workshop** on Tuesday, **October 20**, for clergy and associates in ministry will be titled, **Bibles, Bibles Everywhere, a Blessing in Disguise**, in which Dr. Throntveit will explore the marvelous diversity we presently enjoy with the various English translations of the Bible.

For information and directions, call 337-6663.

CONFERENCE ON EVANGELIZING THROUGH WORSHIP & MUSIC

Be sure to save the dates of **November 6-7** for a conference entitled, **Sing to the Lord a New Song**, to be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in south Seattle. Co-sponsored by the Northwest Washington Synod and Prince of Peace, the conference will feature **Pat Klefert** of Luther Northwestern Seminary and **Phil Reesness** of Calvary Lutheran Church in Golden Valley, Minnesota.

You are invited to experience three different worship services and to participate in several insightful and practical workshops. Brochures have been mailed to congregations, but if you do not have one, please call 243-0987.

WANT ADS

VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES WANTED

The Synod Council has authorized the production of a video about our synod. Anyone with ideas for outstanding photo opportunities is invited to call Mick Hull, Chair, Communications Committee, 392-1871. Thank you!

OUTREACH COORDINATOR

The Lutheran Alliance for Transitional and Community Housing (LATCH) seeks an energetic person to create an outreach/education program on housing and homelessness for the local Lutheran community. Qualifications are direct experience with one or more Lutheran churches, excellent writing and public speaking skills, and strong organizational skills. For this half-time position, the salary is \$1,000/month. Flexible hours, including evenings and weekends. Call LATCH at 672-6009 for a full job description.

Send resume and letter of interest by **July 25** to Katherine Roseth, LATCH, 6920 - 220 St SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. The position will begin after Labor Day.

ANY GRANT WRITERS OUT THERE?

The Board of Congregational Life is seeking persons with experience in grant writing, particularly for non-profit organizations. Please call Dick Lodmill if you can help, 682-6640 or 243-4804. Thank you.

MORE WANT ADS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR HOUSING GROUP

The St. Andrew's Housing Group Board of Directors is seeking to hire an Executive Director who will serve as the chief operations officer and professional advisor to the Board. The person hired would be responsible for the overall administration of the corporation and management of its properties. Qualifications are a minimum of two years of college; excellent interpersonal, writing, organizational, decision making and judgment skills; self-starter; management and fundraising experience; and experience working with not-for-profit organizations, government agencies and the business community.

There is special interest in retired or second income earners. The position is full time with flexible hours and limited paid benefits, and an independent contractor employment relationship is desired. Send resume and cover letter to St. Andrew's Housing Group, c/o Dean Hobson, 2650 - 148 Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98007.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

A half-time position is open for a Minister for Education at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Seattle. This person will be responsible for the total educational program for the church, including children, youth, and adults.

Please send resume and letter of interest to the Mutual Ministry Committee, Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA 98133-7308, by **August 15**, or call 364-2510.

CHURCH MUSIC POSITIONS

Director of Music to provide music for Sunday services, special services, seasonal programs, choir rehearsals, and English handbells. For application contact Silverdale Lutheran Church, 692-9263.

Director of Music to direct the Senior Choir and assist and coordinate other musical groups in their participation in worship services and special events, selecting appropriate music and working with pastors and organist to plan worship services. For information contact Donna Hillard, First Lutheran Church, P O Box 246, Bothell, WA 98041; home phone 246-6246.

Organist for two services and adult choir, deadline to apply **August 1** with position to begin September 1. Call Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Everett for application, 337-6663.

HANDBELLS WANTED

Do you have any handbells that are gathering dust that you would be interested in selling? Please contact Susan Yahns, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Everett, 337-2275.

FOR SALE

Brass candle toppers and extenders, used but in good condition. Call Corrine Gust, 355-3577.

READY TO SERVE

Dwight D. Perkins has 22 years of experience in administration and manufacturing management. He has a B.A. in English, MBA courses from the University of Washington, and some M.Div. courses. He would like to serve in a church, and asks that you contact him by calling 641-1591 or 643-5753.

VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN SOUGHT

The Sand Point Cadet Squadron of the U.S. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is seeking a volunteer Chaplain, even if it were someone willing to donate only a few hours per month as visiting clergy to relieve a critical situation. Applicants must be in good standing with their denomination. A college and seminary degree or their equivalent are required. This chaplaincy offers a unique opportunity for ministry with cadets and adult members whose special mission is to perform emergency services and engage in aerospace education.

Additional information may be obtained by writing the Washington Wing Chaplain, Maj Donald Starr, P O Box 2602, Everett, WA 98203, or by calling him at 353-1656. CAP is a private, non-profit corporation of a benevolent character, incorporated by the U.S. Congress.

HOUSING NEEDED

Missionary Tim Overlund and family are in need of housing and/or are willing to house sit. They can afford rent of \$450/month. If you can help, please call 522-6703. Thank you.

BUILDING SPACE NEEDED

Do you have building space which sits unused on weekday afternoons or evenings? Music Center of the Northwest, a non-profit community music school in Seattle, is looking for space in the north Seattle area to rent for music teaching (classes and individual instruction) beginning in September. Please contact Janice Hildman Gockel at 783-2798.

There are several people in our synod and regional family who are in need of our prayers for health and healing: **Bill Thoresen** is in the Oncology Unit at Good Samaritan Hospital, Puyallup; **Ted Hutchinson** is recovering from two colon surgeries at the VA Hospital in Seattle; **David Cox** had surgery to cauterize a blood vessel in the sinus area and is home now; **Ed Kaiser** had an angioplasty procedure and is OK now . . . Our sympathies to **Clarence and Helen Solberg** on the death of their granddaughter, Pam, daughter of **Tim and Kathy Solberg** of Lewiston, Idaho . . . Congratulations to **Elmer Witt and Phyllis Brandt** on the occasion of their marriage in Gig Harbor . . . Congrats, also, to **Walter and Lorraine Gravrock** on their 50th wedding anniversary . . . **Tim Carraher** was featured in the June issue of THE LUTHERAN in an article on people with handicapping conditions. Also in that issue an article titled, *In the Shadow of the Almighty*, was written by **Laurie Steele**, a member of **Faith, Seattle** . . . **Everett Jensen, Walter Moris, and Elve Halvor** (a member of St. John, Seattle) were all honored by Columbia Lutheran Home recently for their many years of service to the Home. Kudos to **Columbia Home** on receiving its fifth **Governor's Award for Outstanding Nursing Home Care** from Governor Booth Gardner . . . **Bethlehem, Seattle**, is beginning a new ministry of teaching English to Eritrean refugees . . . Volunteers from **Holy Spirit, Kirkland** and **St. Luke, Bellevue** will be joining forces to build Habitat for Humanity homes in the Yakima Valley in August.

HOW TO WRITE TO YOUR MISSIONARY

(from the newsletter of Cross of Christ, Bellevue)

- M** - Mention answers to your prayers and promises that God has given you.
- I** - Include who you are—your job, family, chatty news. Let them know you are like them.
- S** - Specific details—word pictures of what is happening here: fall leaves, fresh snow, spring blooms, steaks on the grill.
- S** - Samples from sermons, jokes, cartoons, magazines, songs or newspapers.
- I** - Interesting news of the area—sports, fashions, politics, weather, important people.
- O** - Observe holidays, birthdays, anniversaries.
- N** - New trends, fads, computer age changes
- A** - Acknowledge their likes and dislikes—If they don't like sports, leave it out; if they love gardening, send pages from *Sunset* magazine.
- R** - Remember postage charges and duty so they don't have to pay to get their mail or packages.
- Y** - You did it! Thanks! Do it again!

African Lutherans face still more famine

We are beginning to hear more and frequent predictions of a coming famine disaster in Africa. Martha Bridgeman, a member of Saint John Lutheran Church, Port Clinton, has been monitoring this deepening crisis through correspondence with a personal friend. Pastor Yonas Deressa teaches at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Here are portions of a letter to Mrs. Bridgeman from Pastor Deressa, dated 10 April 1992.

Please ask all prayer groups to remember Ethiopia, the Ethiopians, and my family and me in their prayers. Regarding our situation: confusion, uncertainty, and acute shortage of food has gone from bad to worse.

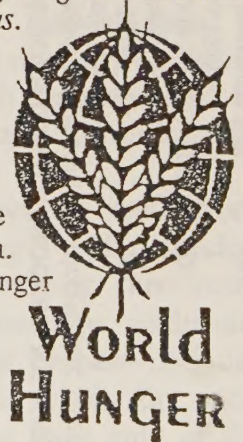
It was officially reported that more than 8 million are exposed to famine and both the government relief and rehabilitation and non-governmental agencies for relief aid, including Lutheran World Federation, have said on the mass media that the volume of food needed to feed the hungry and what has been promised do not match. Ethiopians have been part of the world's mass-media for over three decades. That resulted in what is called "Donor Fatigue." More than that [there is] a sense of shame and guilt on our part for begging for food to survive.

If the rain starts soon, planting of crops will start. Until harvest time comes next year in January-february 1993, the suffering will continue. So pray for us and remember us.

How does one respond to such a letter? There are two obvious opportunities:

1. Pray for the hungry people of Africa, especially the Lutheran Christians in Ethiopia.
2. Support ELCA World Hunger with generous extra-mile offerings (earmark your gifts for Ethiopia, if you desire).

For more information specifically about Rev. Yonas Deressa, contact Martha Bridgeman, 77 Gravel Bar, Marblehead, Ohio 43440.



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CALENDAR

JULY

- 15 Interim Pastors luncheon
- 21 Finance Committee, 6:00 pm, Prince of Peace N, Seattle
- 24-25 Synod Council Retreat, LOMA
- 28 Retired clergy and widows gathering

AUGUST

- 20-23 Youth Leadership Training School, LBI
- 21-23 Retreat Leader Training, LOMA
- 27 Stewardship Committee, 3:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 7 HOLIDAY—SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
- 8 Finance Committee, 6:00 pm, Prince of Peace N, Seattle
- 9 Executive Committee, 7:30 am, St John, Seattle
- 16 Cluster Deans, 10:00 am, St John, Seattle
- 19 Synod Council, 8:30 am, St James, Seattle
- 21-22 Training on Prevention of Clergy Sexual Abuse
- 24 Ecumenical Commission, 12:15 p.m., St John, Seattle
- 26 NWWA Synod Women of the ELCA Convention,
Christ the King, Snohomish
- 26 Leadership Support Committee, 9:00 am, Trinity, Lynnwood
- 29 Youth Committee, 5:00 pm, Trinity, Lynnwood

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CALLS ACCEPTED LP=Lead Pastor A=Associate Y=Youth Pastor		
Gerald T. Bongard (part-time)	Holy Cross, Bellevue	05/01/92
Randall S. Bullo (interim)	Queen Anne, Seattle	06/01/92
Benjamin D. Fecher	Freeborn, Stanwood	07/15/92
Eric P. Finsand	Global Missions-Japan	06/27/92
John Otto Liljensolpe	Operation Nightwatch	01/01/92
Robert C. Schultz (part-time)	Life Enrichment Ctr	09/01/91
Marc D. Stroud	Luth Social Services	01/15/92
AIM APPOINTMENT(S) ACCEPTED		
None this month		
INSTALLATIONS		
Benjamin D. Fecher	Freeborn, Stanwood	08/09/92
Marvin C. Knutzen	St John, Bellingham	07/12/92
ORDINATION(S)		
Eric P. Finsand	Global Missions-Japan	06/07/92
ANNIVERSARIES		
Light of the Cross, Bothell	10	06/14/92
RESIGNATION(S)		
Tertie Rae Anderson	Kent, Kent	05/17/92
John J. Kelter, Jr	Foss Home, Seattle	08/15/92
Nikki Martin (AIM)	Bethany, Bainbrdg Isl	06/01/92
Donn L. Rosenauer	Prince/Peace S Sea	07/15/92
Carol J. Tomer	Getsemane, Seattle	08/01/92
RETIREMENTS		
None this month		
TRANSFER(S) IN/OUT OF SYNOD		
Tertie Rae Anderson	to SWWA	06/01/92
Benjamin D. Fecher	from W N Dakota	07/15/92
Vernon G. Hunt (retired)	from NW Minnesota	07/01/92
Mardi L. Krusemark	to SWWA	08/01/92
Norman B. Nelson	from SWWA	02/01/92
Edward E. Ray (retired)	from S Calif West	05/22/92
Marc D. Stroud	from EWA/ID	01/15/92
CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim		
CP=Congregational Profile I=Interviewing C=Calling V=Vacancy		
Bellevue, Holy Cross	C	
Clinton, St. Peter	NV	
Ferndale, Zion	I	
Issaquah, Our Savior's (LP)	C	Bob Rolko, Interim
Seattle, Foss Home	I	
Seattle, Getsemane (LP)	Int	Don Clinton, Interim
Seattle, Lakeridge	Int	Lothar Pietz, Interim
Stanwood, Freeborn	C	Paul Running, Interim
Startup, Shepherd/Valley	V	
Woodinville, Wooden Cross	I	

SYNOD ASSEMBLY SUMMARY
NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD

JUNE 11-12, 1992

Everett Pacific Hotel, Everett, Washington

Wet People in a Thirsty World

People might say that two days of rain was an affirmation from God for the 1992 Synod Assembly theme, *Wet People in a Thirsty World*. Through the efforts of our synod Evangelism Committee, the theme was developed by keynote presenters, Pastor James Bergquist and Pastor Gerald Hoffman. Our Churchwide representative, Pastor James Capers, addressed the theme in his well received sermon at the festive Friday evening Eucharist at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Everett, attended by 500 delegates and persons from the community. An offering of \$1,358 was received for the Bishop's Caring Fund. Pastor Capers also reported for Bishop Herbert Chilstrom on the state of the ELCA, plus leading the 450 registered delegates, observers, and visitors in several musical interludes throughout the two-day assembly.

Elections were held for several positions. The following persons were elected. **Synod Secretary:** Erma Lee; **Synod Treasurer:** Clayton Olsen; **Regional Council Representative:** Paul Rieke; **Synod Council members:** Britta Thorleifson, Sherry Kiefel, Luana Langford, James Dovich, Maynard Atik, Richard L. Christensen, Martha Myers, Jan Nesse, Patricia Luke, Sue Rasmussen, Fritz Baesman, David Engen, Jim Logghe, and Bill McKinnon; **PLU Corporation Delegates:** Gus Anderson, Karen Eriks, Don Hefty, Trudy Thorleifson, and Mark Davis; **1993 Churchwide Assembly Delegates:** Bishop Lowell Knutson, Trudy Thorleifson, Cheryl Kulas, Victor Langford, Martha Myers, Francis Baker, James Dovich, Dave Sharkey, Gail Hendrickson, Sue Rasmussen, and Patricia Stuart.

Several persons were recognized in honor of their retirements, and for celebrations of 25 and 50 years in ministry and 15 years of service as certified associates in ministry. A generous share of attention



and a standing ovation were given in surprise birthday greetings and farewells to Pastor Linda Larson, outgoing Synod Secretary, who is moving to Oregon.

A 1993 budget cap totaling \$1,300,000 was approved by the assembly delegates, with a budget income distribution of 45.6% in partnership with Churchwide (including support of the Alaska Synod), 22.4% in partnership with extended ministries (including seminaries, PLU, campus ministry, LITE, Lutheran Public Policy Office, Native American ministries, Washington Association of Churches, and various social ministry agencies), and 32% in partnership with congregations for synod staff compensation and administrative expenses.

Debate was lively on several resolutions, particularly those dealing with condom distribution in schools, teaching our youth sexual abstinence, and seeking additional funding support for Camp Lutherwood and Luther Child Center. Final votes on those resolutions are listed on the back side of this summary.

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RESOLUTION

Passed Failed

SA92.01	Welcoming the Children <i>Encourages involvement with the needs of children in local communities</i>	X	
SA92.02	Memorial to the ELCA to delay Action Against the Congregations of St. Francis and First United in San Francisco <i>Memorializes the ELCA 1993 Churchwide Assembly to extend the period of suspension and delay any decision regarding the official status of the congregations involved</i>		X
SA92.03	Gender Inclusive Language <i>Encourages congregations and the Synod to incorporate gender inclusive language in Synod life and communications, & memorializes the 1993 Churchwide Assembly to use gender inclusive language</i>	X	
SA92.04	Request for Ecumenical Activity in each Parish and Cluster <i>Encourages congregational ecumenical involvement in their communities</i>	X	
SA92.05	Health Care Advocacy <i>Promotes discussions and public policy involvement in physical and mental health care advocacy</i>	X	
SA92.06	Outdoor Ministry <i>Encourages Synod and congregations to welcome representatives from Lutheran Camp Associates and LOMA to address specific financial and on-site support needs of Camp Lutherwood</i>	X	
SA92.07	Support for VISN <i>Urges Synod members to write to their local cable channels requesting VISN programming</i>	X	
SA92.08	World Hunger <i>Affirms synodical and congregational support for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal</i>	X	
SA92.09	Abstinence and Our Youth <i>Encourages congregations to teach youth sexual abstinence</i>		X
SA92.09A	Condoms and Our Youth <i>Opposes condom distribution to minors by schools and publicly funded institutions</i>		X
SA92.10	Caring for Creation <i>Encourages congregations to use renewable resources, to recycle, and to become users of recycled goods</i>	X	
SA92.11	Vote on Northwest Washington Synod Council for Women of the ELCA <i>Directs Synod Council to prepare constitutional changes which would grant a vote on the Synod Council to the synodical women's organization</i>		X
SA92.12	Continued Support for Region I <i>Memorializes ELCA Church Council to continue support of the regional concept</i>	X	
SA92.13	Leadership Training <i>Resolves that the synod strengthen its commitment to train congregational leadership, and sets annual Synod objective of participation of 20% of Synod congregations in council training programs</i>	X	
SA92.14	In Memoriam for Gudina Tumsa <i>Asks Bishop Knutson to communicate our synod's sorrow and regret to the family of Mr. Tumsa on the occasion of his funeral June 27, 1992</i>	X	
SA92.15	Region Every Home Plan <i>Approves synodical participation in the Region One Every-Home Plan for THE LUTHERAN for 1993</i>	X	
SA92.16	Thanks and Appreciation <i>Expresses the Synod's appreciation to Pastor Linda Larson for five years' service as Synod Secretary</i>	X	
SA92.17	Congratulations <i>Expresses congratulations to Pastor April Ulring Larson upon her election as the first woman bishop in the ELCA</i>	X	
SA92.18	Use of Funding Surplus <i>Recommends to Synod Council that 50% of 1992 surplus receipts over expenditures be distributed to Camp Lutherwood</i>	X	
SA92.19	Ingathering of Funds <i>Requests an ingathering of funds from congregations for Camp Lutherwood and Luther Child Center</i>		X
SA92.20	Thanks <i>Expresses thanks to God and to all who planned and participated in the synod assembly</i>	X	